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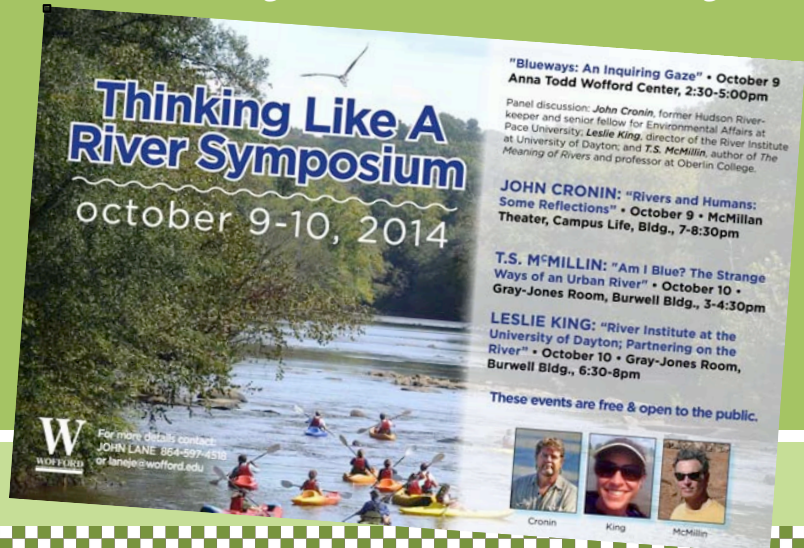
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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Volume 5, Issue 4



Haley Briel and Kaye Savage went foraging last Saturday in North Carolina with guides from "No Taste Like Home." A highlight was tasting boletes and Chicken-of-the-Woods mushrooms, cooked on the spot.



Students in ENVS 203 studied the geology and landscape at Crowder's Mountain.

Culture of Ruggedness: Fall in the Field with ENVS

Environmental Studies students have had many opportunities already this fall for learning in the field – one of our department's core values.

Dr. Brewitt's ENVS 101 students explored Glendale – the Goodall Center, the trail, and the town. On another day they kayaked to the Upper Shoals, putting in just above the dam and paddling upstream to learn some of the industrial history of the area as well as observing wildlife. ENVS 101 also spent an afternoon at the Pacolet River Heritage Preserve, thinking about Native American history, the great flood of 1903, and the regenerative nature of wilderness.

ENVS 203, Environmental Science, started the semester with a visit to Crowder's Mountain, learning about the region's geological origins (with the mineral kyanite as evidence of an ancient subduction zone) and the development of modern Piedmont topography. They have also been in the field at Glendale studying soils and plant life. The highlight, though, is kayaking on the

Pacolet River for first-hand experience with river hydrology and a variety of other topics.

Dr. Savage has also had the Earth Systems students in ENVS 150 at Glendale, and today the class will visit the Cottonwood Trail to experience the wetlands environment. They are currently studying coal resources and mining, and the wetlands will be discussed in relation to the 300-million year old swamps from which many modern coal deposits were formed.

Professor Lane's Environment & Nature Writing course, ENVS 326, spent an afternoon at the Goodall Center with Dr. Drew Lanham, Professor of Wildlife Ecology/Management at Clemson University. Conversation was wide-ranging about relationships between people, wildlife, and habitat. Dr. Lanham has previously taught a course at Wofford (Nature & Culture of Birds in America); we are always excited when he participates in the Environmental Studies Program.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- October 4th** ***Introduction to Yoga:*** 9:30-10:45am at the Glendale Shoals Amphitheater. Adrienne Ables of YOGAlicious will lead the class. Bring your mat or large towel and join us! \$5 suggested donation.
- October 8th** ***Journey of the Universe:*** This film explores life's biggest questions as they weave a tapestry of scientific discoveries and humanistic insights concerning the nature of the universe. 6:30pm at Central United Methodist Church. Three follow-up sessions at 6:30pm on 10/15, 10/22, & 10/29 will explore the themes raised by the film. Professor Lane and Dr. Simmons will lead the discussions.
- October 9th-10th** ***Thinking Like A River Symposium:*** We will welcome three speakers, John Cronin, Senior Fellow for Environmental Affairs, Pace University; Scott McMillin, Professor of English at Oberlin College; and Leslie King, director of the Rivers Institute at University of Dayton. A panel discussion is planned for *October 9, 2:30-5:30pm in Anna Todd*. John Cronin will speak on *October 9 at 7:00pm in McMillan Theater*. Scott McMillin will speak on *October 10 at 3:00pm in Gray-Jones Room* and Leslie King's talk will follow at *6:30pm in Gray-Jones*. The symposium this year is focused on Blueways.
- October 11th** ***Cottonwood Trail Clean Stream Day:*** SPACE is partnering with *Spartanburg Water* and the *City of Spartanburg Storm Water Management* for a "Clean Stream" day in Lawson's Fork on Cottonwood Trail. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. Group participation encouraged! 8:30am-noon, Woodburn Road Parking Area.
- October 21st** ***"Big Men":*** Film screening features oil exploration and the oil industry. Sponsored by ENVIS & Government departments. Olin 101 at 7:00pm. Refreshments and discussion following the film.
- October 28th** ***Halloween at Goodall:*** Bring the kids for some tricks and treats at the Goodall Center! Snakes, spiders, bones, and more! Contact Haley if you would like to help with activities for the kids – brielhe@wofford.edu.

Visit our www.thinkinglikeariver.com website!

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Clemson University – Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences

Clemson's graduate program in Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences (EEES) offers three programs in Environmental Engineering & Science, Biosystems Engineering, and Hydrogeology.

All three programs offer a MS degree. A MEng degree is also offered in Environmental Engineering & Science, and a PhD degree can be earned in Environmental Engineering & Science, or Biosystems Engineering.

The school's website states, "We recognize that today's students need to balance a scientific understanding of natural systems and processes with

the ability to realistically evaluate and design for the role of people in these systems. Clemson meets this challenge by offering students the opportunity to integrate scientific and engineering perspectives through our diverse range of MS, MEng, and PhD programs."

The program is consistently ranked in the top 25 by *US News and World Report* and today has more than 1000 graduates in the US and around the world. Visit <http://www.clemson.edu/ces/ees/> for more information.